Reporting 2001 CAHSEE Results to the Media



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GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING 2001 CAHSEE RESULTS TO THE MEDIA

The new California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) represents a major milestone for public education. Results of California's first effort to require students to pass a state test to receive their high school diploma will draw a great deal of media attention. The ability of schools, districts, and county administrators to respond proactively to media inquiries about local CAHSEE results for the spring 2001 administration will be crucial in developing a foundation of understanding about this exam. The following guidelines are for district and county personnel responsible for working with the media.

Advance Preparation

- Prepare a local news release and any camera-ready graphs or charts that you would like the media to use. Make sure the release includes a brief statement about what is currently being done to:
 - align curriculum and instruction to state content standards in your district(s)/ schools (K-12)
 - ensure that all students will have the knowledge and skills to pass the CAHSEE
- Organize a CAHSEE fact sheet for the district and its high schools (or county) that includes:
 - the number of ninth grade students enrolled at each high school in spring 2001
 - the number of English learners and students in special education and other special programs at each high school and the number who took the CAHSEE in spring 2001
 - results of student achievement data other than the CAHSEE (e.g., district-initiated tests; STAR, PSAT, SAT, and/or AP results; number of Golden State Examination scholars; National Merit Scholar winners; statewide winners of the Governor's Scholars awards)
 - a profile of the graduating class of 2001 (e.g., percent of students entering colleges and universities, military appointments, total dollars in scholarships and awards, number of 4.0 and 3.0 students)
 - other information that is helpful in providing a district/school profile of student achievement



■ Develop brief talking points about the 2001 CAHSEE results at the district, school(s), and/or county to assist in media interviews.

Some Questions Local Media May Ask*

- How many ninth graders at your school(s) (in the district/county) took the CAHSEE in spring 2001? What percent of the ninth graders enrolled at your school(s) last spring took the exam?
- How many students in special education took the CAHSEE? Were any testing accommodations provided? If so, what?
- How can you explain the CAHSEE results your school(s) received?
- How can you explain the difference (if any) between results on the STAR tests and the CAHSEE?
- Do you feel the CAHSEE results accurately reflect student achievement at your school(s)? Why or why not?
- What did your school(s) do last year to help students prepare for the CAHSEE? What are you doing this year?
- What is being done to implement state content standards at your school(s)?
- What is planned to help students who took the CAHSEE last spring but did not pass one or both parts?
- How can students, parents, and community members get answers to questions about the CAHSEE and the 2001 results?

Media Contact

- Determine who in the district/county will handle media requests about the CAHSEE.
- Establish a process and schedule for working with media covering the CAHSEE results.
- Schedule briefings with local editorial boards and education writers to develop an understanding about the CAHSEE before the Internet report is posted.

^{*}See pages 8 and 9 for questions and answers for the media.



REPORTING/PUBLIC RELEASE DATES FOR CAHSEE 2001 Test Results

July 19 & 23

Reporting CAHSEE 2001 results briefing for districts/counties (Reporting 2001 CAHSEE Results to Parents/Guardians Assistance Packet for Districts/Schools, Reporting 2001 CAHSEE Results to the Media Assistance Packet for Districts/Counties, and California High School Exit Examination Parent Notification Assistance Packet for Districts and Schools 2001–2002 provided at the briefings) July 19—Burbank; July 23—Sacramento

July 26

Reporting 2001 CAHSEE Results to Parents/Guardians Assistance Packet for Districts/Schools, California High School Exit Examination Parent Notification Assistance Packet for Districts and Schools 2001–2002, and Reporting 2001 CAHSEE Results to the Media Assistance Packet for Districts/Counties distributed to districts, county offices, and major educational organizations, and posted on the Internet

August 7 and 8

Training-of-Trainer sessions (North-South) to spotlight CAHSEE Teacher Guides Part II and plan teacher training and communications for the 2001–2002 administration

August 14–16

CAHSEE presentations about reporting 2001 results and 2002 administration at School's In, Sacramento

By August 15

Individual score reports for participating ninth graders received by districts for distribution to parents/students

August 21

CAHSEE Teacher Guides Part II for English-Language Arts and Mathematics (staff development guidelines for using CAHSEE 2001 results and released test items) distributed to districts, county offices, and major educational organizations, and posted on the Internet



August 21 Addendum to CAHSEE Teacher Guide Part II: English-

Language Arts (student work for 2001 writing with teacher commentary) distributed to districts, county offices, and major

educational organizations, and posted on the Internet

August 29 Paper copy of preliminary group reports received by districts for

review

September 5 CD-ROM of individual results received by districts and

counties

September Press briefings for the media only. Press briefing packet provided

at briefings

September Press briefing packet posted on the Internet

September 14 CAHSEE 2001 school, district, county, and state results posted

on the Internet

Press release on CAHSEE 2001 results distributed to media,

districts, county offices, and posted on the Internet



FACTS ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION

- State law (Senate Bill 2), passed in 1999, authorized the development of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) that students in California public schools will have to pass to receive a high school diploma, beginning with the graduating class of 2004.
- The purpose of the CAHSEE is to help ensure that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate competency in state content standards for reading, writing, and mathematics.

Student Participation

- Beginning in spring 2001, ninth-grade students could, but were not required to, take the exam. Beginning in 2001–02, all tenth-grade students must take the CAHSEE, except those students who took it in spring 2001 and passed both parts. Students will be given additional opportunities each year to retake the exam. Only the part(s) not passed must be taken again.
- Passing the exam may be delayed for English learners up to 24 calendar months from enrollment in the California public school system. The students must complete six months of instruction in reading, writing, and comprehension in English during this period. Then these students must pass the CAHSEE in English to receive their high school diploma.
- Students with exceptional needs must pass the CAHSEE to receive their high school diploma. The CAHSEE may be administered with appropriate accommodations, where necessary.
- Beginning with the 2000–01 school year and each school year thereafter, districts are required to send notification about the CAHSEE to parents/guardians and students at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term.

Test Content/Format

■ The English-language arts part of the CAHSEE addresses state content standards through grade 10. The exam consists of multiple-choice questions and written essays. The reading portion covers vocabulary, informational reading, and literary reading. The writing portion covers writing strategies, applications, and conventions. The exam has a written response to literature or an informational passage and another written response to a writing prompt.



■ The mathematics part of the CAHSEE addresses state content standards through algebra I. It includes statistics, data analysis and probability, number sense, measurement and geometry, mathematical reasoning, and algebra. Students also must demonstrate a strong foundation in arithmetic, including working with decimals, fractions, and percents. The math exam consists of all multiple-choice questions.

Reporting/Using Results

- When districts receive individual results of the CAHSEE, they are to distribute these reports to parents/guardians. Group results are to be posted annually on the Internet.
- Districts must provide supplemental instruction aligned to the state content standards to assist students who do not pass the exam. This is to include summer school for seniors who do not pass.
- The law authorizing the CAHSEE states that after initial administrations of the exit examination, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall study the appropriateness of other criteria by which high school students may demonstrate their competency and receive a high school diploma.

More Information

Additional information about the CAHSEE is posted on the California Department of Education web site at http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/hsee/hsee.html (Internet).



CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION 2001-02

Questions and Answers for the Media

What is the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)?

State law (Senate Bill 2), passed in 1999, authorized the development of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) that students in California public schools will have to pass to receive a high school diploma, beginning with the graduating class of 2004.

What is the purpose of the CAHSEE?

The purpose of the CAHSEE is to improve student achievement in high school. It also is to help ensure that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate competency in the content standards for English-language arts and mathematics, adopted by the State Board of Education.

Who took the CAHSEE in spring 2001?

Volunteer students in grade 9 took the CAHSEE. In spring 2002, students in grade 10, who did not take the exam or took it but did not pass one or both parts, will participate in the second administration of the CAHSEE. The exam again will be voluntary for ninth graders.

Did English learners take the CAHSEE?

Yes. Participation in the spring 2001 CAHSEE was voluntary.

Did students with exceptional needs take the CAHSEE?

Yes. Volunteer students with exceptional needs took the CAHSEE. The exam was to have been administered with appropriate accommodations, where necessary.

What if a ninth grader did not take the test?

Ninth graders who did not take the CAHSEE will have additional opportunities in grades 10 through 12.

Who decided what the 2001 CAHSEE should cover?

A High School Exit Examination Standards Panel, appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, reviewed state content standards in English-language arts and mathematics and identified standards they felt students should master to graduate from high school. Identified standards went through public review and hearings and additional reviews by content and technical committees. Questions for the CAHSEE, based on the selected standards, were developed, reviewed, and then field tested to make sure they were

of the highest quality. The CAHSEE for 2001 was approved by the State Board in December 2000. It is divided into two parts: English-language arts and mathematics.

What did the English-language arts part of the test cover?

The English-language arts part of the CAHSEE addressed state content standards through grade 10. It consisted of multiple-choice questions and two written essays. The reading part of the test covered vocabulary, informational reading, and literary reading. This section included 50% literary texts and 50% informational texts. The texts were grade appropriate and accessible to students in grade 10 who perform at a basic level.

The writing section covered writing strategies, applications, and conventions. In addition to the multiple-choice questions, there was one written response to literature or an informational passage and another written response to a writing prompt.

What did the mathematics part of the test cover?

The mathematics part of the CAHSEE addressed the state content standards through algebra 1. The mathematics exam included statistics, data analysis and probability, number sense, measurement and geometry, mathematical reasoning, and algebra. Students also were asked to demonstrate a strong foundation in arithmetic, including working with decimals, fractions, and percents. The mathematics part of the exam consisted of all multiple-choice items.

How was it determined that the content of mathematics through algebra I be tested?

The mathematics standards at grades 8 through 12 are organized by discipline rather than by grade level. Many schools and districts are just beginning to implement the standards. It was recommended, therefore, that the first administration of the CAHSEE address mathematics through algebra I. More advanced algebra and geometry may be covered in future years.

When will 2001 CAHSEE results be released to the public?

The public release of 2001 CAHSEE results for schools, districts, counties, and the state is scheduled to be posted on the CAHSEE web site at http://cahsee.cde.ca.gov on September 14, 2001. CAHSEE results for students are confidential and are not included in the Internet posting.



CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION 2001-02

Questions and Answers for the Media

How can media representatives get the CAHSEE results?

The only direct source for the CAHSEE results is the Internet report. Files can be downloaded; instructions for downloading are included in this packet. Data disk files will not be available.

What reports will be on the Internet?

The Internet reports will include 2001 CAHSEE results for schools, districts, counties, and the state. Results will be reported:

- for all students tested
- for males, females
- by race/ethnicity
- by language fluency
- by economic status
- by special education program participation

What scores will be reported on the Internet reports?

Scores for English-language arts and mathematics will show:

- number of students tested
- number and percent of students who passed
- number and percent of students who did not pass
- · mean scale score

Additional scores for mathematics will include the average percent correct for the following strands:

- probability and statistics
- number sense
- algebra and functions
- measurement and geometry
- algebra I

Additional scores for English-language arts will include the average percent correct for:

Reading

- word analysis
- reading comprehension
- literary response and analysis

Writing

- · writing strategies
- writing conventions

The writing applications strand provides an average score for each student essay. The score ranges from 1 to 4, with 4 being the highest. Each student essay received two scores that were averaged for the score report. The writing applications counted for 30 percent of the English-language arts score.

What is a mean scale score?

A mean scale score for the CAHSEE ranges from approximately 250 to 450. This type of score is used for reporting group CAHSEE results to provide a more precise measurement and to assure that tests given at different times are comparable. The CAHSEE provides scale scores for individual students and a mean or average scale score for groups of students.

How can media representatives see the CAHSEE questions that were administered?

Sample questions from the 2001 administration of the CAHSEE are posted at http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/ hsee/hsee.html on the Internet.

What happens if students don't pass the CAHSEE?

Students will be able to retake the examination until the English-language arts and mathematics parts are passed. They will retake only that part not passed. Districts and/or schools will provide additional instruction to assist students who do not pass the exam. Summer school programs, including summer school for seniors who do not pass the exam, also will be provided.

For more information...

Questions about the 2001 CAHSEE results should be directed to the Standards and Assessment Division of the CDE at 916-657-3011 (phone) or 916-657-4964 (fax). Additional information can be obtained at http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/hsee/hsee.html on the Internet.



SAMPLE INTERNET REPORTS FOR 2001 CAHSEE

School Report—English-Language Arts Demographic Summary for All Students Tested

SCHOOL: 0000000 - EXAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT: 00000 - EXAMPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT							Aver	EADING age Pero Correct	-		FING Percent	APPLIC	TING ATIONS ge Score
COUNTY: 00 - EXAMPLE COUNTY OFFICE OF ED "EST DATE: 03/07/01 JUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED 452 ENROLLED 461	NUMBER TESTED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENT PASSED	NUMBER NOT PASSED	PERCENT NOT PASSED	MEAN SCALE SCORE	WORD ANALYSIS	READING COMPREHENSION	LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS	WRITING STRATEGIES	WRITING CONVENTIONS	ESSAY 1	ESSAY 2
ALL STUDENTS TESTED (AVERAGE)	452	271	60%	181	40%	375	90%	54%	42%	82%	38%	3.5	2.5
GRADE Ninth Tenth Eleventh Twelfth Unknown	174 125 80 73 0	104 75 48 44 0	60% 60% 60% 60% 0%	70 50 32 29 0	40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 0	90% 90% 90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54% 54% 0%	42% 42% 42% 42% 40%	82% 82% 82% 82% 0%	38% 38% 38% 38% 0%	3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 0.0	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 0.0
GENDER Female Male Unknown	217 212 23	130 127 14	60% 60%	87 85 9	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375	90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5
RACE/ETHNICITY American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Asian-American Black/African-American Filipino/Filipino-American Hispanic/Latino	5 108 58 50 104	65 41 30 62	60% 60% 60%	43 27 20 42	40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375 375	90% 90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5
Pacific Islander White Unknown	90	54 11	60% 60%	36 7	40% 40%	375 375	90% 90%	54% 54%	42% 42%	82% 82%	38% 38%	3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5
LANGUAGE FLUENCY English Learner Students Initally Fluent English Proficient (IFEP) Redesignated Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) English Only Students Unknown	36 23 45 325 23	22 14 27 195 14	60% 60% 60% 60%	14 9 18 130 9	40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375	90% 90% 90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5
ECONOMIC STATUS Economically Disadvantaged Students Non-economically Disadvantaged Students Unknown	185 212 54	111 127 33	60% 60% 60%	74 85 22	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION Students Receiving Services Students Not Receiving Services Unknown	2 438 11	 263 7	 60% 60%	 175 5	 40% 40%	375 375	 90% 90%	 54% 54%	 42% 42%	 82% 82%	38% 38%	3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5

^a Each student essay receives two scores that range from 1 (lowest) to 4 (highest) or non-scorable (NS). The average of these two scores is listed above. The Writing Applications score counts as 30% of the total English-Language Arts score.

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You may obtain copies of selected test questions at your school site or at the following Web site: http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/hsee/hsee.html



District Report—English-Language Arts Demographic Summary for All Students Tested

DISTRICT: 00000 - EXAMPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT							Aver	EADIN age Per Correct	cent	WRI [*] Average Cor	Percent	APPLIC	TING ATIONS [®] Je Score
COUNTY: 00 - EXAMPLE COUNTY OFFICE OF ED "EST DATE: 03/07/01 JUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED 1,804 ENROLLED 2,085	NUMBER TESTED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENT PASSED	NUMBER NOT PASSED	PERCENT NOT PASSED	MEAN SCALE SCORE	WORD ANALYSIS	READING COMPREHENSION	LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS	WRITING STRATEGIES	WRITING CONVENTIONS	ESSAY 1	ESSAY 2
ALL STUDENTS TESTED (AVERAGE)	1,804	1,082	60%	722	40%	375	90%	54%	42%	82%	38%	3.5	2.5
GRADE Ninth Tenth Eleventh Twelfth Unknown	774 516 366 148 0	464 310 220 89 0	60% 60% 60% 60% 0%	310 206 146 59 0	40% 40% 40% 40% 0%	375 375 375 375 375	90% 90% 90% 90% 0%	54% 54% 54% 54% 0%	42%	82% 82% 82% 82% 0%	38% 38% 38% 38% 0%	3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 0.0	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 0.0
GENDER Female Male Unknown	866 848 90	520 509 54	60% 60% 60%	346 339 36	40% [40% [40%	375 375 375 375	90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5
RACE/ETHNICITY American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Asian-American Black/African-American Filipino/Filipino-American Hispanic/Latino Pacific Islander White Unknown	18 438 271 198 415 36 361 72	1/1 260 162 1/19 249 22 216 43	60% 60% 60% 60% 60% 60%	7 173 108 79 166 14 144 29	40 % 40 % 40 % 40 % 40 % 40 % 40 % 40 %	375 375 375 375 375 375 375 375	90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54% 54% 54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42% 42% 42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82% 82% 82% 82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38% 38% 38% 38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5
LANGUAGE FLUENCY English Learner Students Initally Fluent English Proficient (IFEP) Redesignated Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) English Only Students Unknown	144 90 180 1,299 90	87 54 108 779 54	60% 60% 60% 60%	58 36 72 520 36	40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375 375	90% 90% 90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5
ECONOMIC STATUS Economically Disadvantaged Students Non-economically Disadvantaged Students Unknown	740 848 216	444 509 130	60% 60% 60%	296 339 87	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION Students Receiving Services Students Not Receiving Services Unknown	9 1,750 45	1,050 27	 60% 60%	700 18	40% 40%	375 375	90% 90%	 54% 54%	 42% 42%	82% 82%	38% 38%	3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5

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District Report—English-Language Arts Roster for All Schools in District

DISTRICT: 00000 - EXAMPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY: 00 - EXAMPLE COUNTY OFFICE OF ED					READING Average Percent Correct	WRITING Average Percent Correct	WRITING APPLICATION	
TEST DATE: 03/07/01 NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED: 1,804 ENROLLED: 2,085	SCHOOL CDS CODE	NUMBER TESTED	NUMBER PASSED PERCENT PASSED	MEAN SCALE SCORE	WORD ANALYSIS READING COMPREHENSION LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS	WRITING STRATEGIES WRITING CONVENTIONS	ESSAY 1 ESSAY 2	
ALL STUDENTS TESTED (AVERAGE) ROSTER EXAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL GOODMAN HIGH SCHOOL MERCER HIGH SCHOOL PAYTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST HIGH SCHOOL ETC	0000001 3480564 3593487 6842796 9805776	1,804 452 354 200 148 650	1,242 69% 271 60% 106 30% 180 90% 112 76% 572 88%	403 375 340 450 398 450	84% 73% 64% 90% 54% 42% 50% 29% 17% 90% 100% 83% 90% 83% 79% 100% 96% 100%	82% 69% 82% 38% 73% 31% 91% 100% 73% 85% 91% 92%	2.9 2.5 3.5 2.5 2.0 1.5 3.0 3.0 2.5 2.0 3.5 3.5	5 5 0

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County Report—English-Language Arts Demographic Summary for All Students Tested

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OUNTY: 00 - EXAMPLE COUNTY OFFICE OF ED EST DATE: 03/07/01 IUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED 18,805 ENROLLED 20,187	NUMBER TESTED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENT PASSED	NUMBER NOT PASSED	PERCENT NOT PASSED	MEAN SCALE SCORE	WORD ANALYSIS	READING COMPREHENSION	LITERARY RESPONSE & ANALYSIS	WRITING STRATEGIES	WRITING CONVENTIONS	ESSAY 1	ESSAY 2
ALL STUDENTS TESTED (AVERAGE)	18,805	11,283	60%	7,522	40%	375	90%	54%	42%	82%	38%	3.5	2.5
GRADE Ninth Tenth Eleventh Twelfth Unknown	6,810 5,678 4,813 1,504	4,086 3,407 2,888 902 0	60% 60% 60% 60% 0%	2,724 2,271 1,925 602 0	40% 40% 40% 40% 0%	375 375 375 375 0	90% 90% 90% 90% 0%	54% 54% 54% 54% 0%	42% 42% 42% 42% 42% 0%	82% 82% 82% 82% 0%	38% 38% 38% 38% 0%	3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 0.0	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 0.0
GENDER Female Male Unknown	9,026 8,838 940	5,416 5,303 554	60% 60% 60%	3,611 3,535 376	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5
RACE/ETHNICITY American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Asian-American Black/African-American Filipino/Filipino-American Hispanic/Latino Pacific Islander White Unknown	1,88 4,513 2,821 2,069 4,325 3,761 7,52	113 2 708 1,692 1,241 2,595 226 2,257 451	60% 60% 60% 60% 60% 60%	1,805 1,128 827 1,730 150 1,504 301	40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375 375 375 375	90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54% 54% 54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42% 42% 42% 42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82% 82% 82% 82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38% 38% 38% 38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5
LANGUAGE FLUENCY English Learner Students Initally Fluent English Proficient (IFEP) Redesignated Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) English Only Students Unknown	1,504 940 1,881 13,540 940	903 564 1,128 8,124 564	60% 60% 60% 60%	602 376 752 5,416 376	40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375 375	90% 90% 90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5
ECONOMIC STATUS Economically Disadvantaged Students Non-economically Disadvantaged Students Unknown	7,710 8,838 2,257	4,626 5,303 1,354	60% 60% 60%	3,084 3,535 903	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION Students Receiving Services Students Not Receiving Services Unknown	94 18,241 470	56 10,945 282	60% 60% 60%	38 7,296 188	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	90% 90% 90%	54% 54% 54%	42% 42% 42%	82% 82% 82%	38% 38% 38%	3.5 3.5 3.5	2.5 2.5 2.5

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County Report—English-Language Arts Roster for All Districts in County

COUNTY: 00 - EXAMPLE COUNTY OFFICE OF ED							READING Percent C	Orrect	Average	TING Percent	WRITA APPLICA	ATIONS*
TEST DATE: 03/07/01 NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED 18,805 ENROLLED 20,187	DISTRICT CDS CODE	WHMBER TESTED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENT PASSED	MEAN SCALE SCORE	WORD ANALYSIS	ADING	LITERARY RĖSPONSĖ & ANALYSIS	WRITING STRATEGIES	WRITING CONVENTIONS	ESSAY 1	ESSAY 2
ALL STUDENTS TESTED (AVERAGE) ROSTER EXAMPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTRAL CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SOUTHEAST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WESTERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY SCHOOL A ETC	34567 57618 35198 64187 64187 35419	1,805 1,804 5,678 4,789 3,528 2,502 504	27 27 2,703 4,310 2,681 1,902 444	60% 60% 30% 90% 76% 76% 88%	375 340 450 398 398 450	90% 50% 90% 90% 90% 100%	54% 29% 100% 83% 83%	67% 42% 17% 83% 79% 79%	80% 82% 73% 91% 73% 73% 91%	72% 38% 31% 100% 85% 85% 92%	2.8 3.5 2.0 3.0 2.5 2.5 3.5	2.4 2.5 1.5 3.0 2.0 2.0 3.5

^{*} Each student essay receives two scores that range from 1 (lowest) to 4 (highest) or non-scorable (NS). The average of these two scores is listed above. The Writing Applications score counts as 30% of the total English-Language Arts score.

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School Report—Mathematics Demographic Summary for All Students Tested

SCHOOL: 0000000 - EXAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT:									OR MA		
00000 - EXAMPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY: 00 - EXAMPLE COUNTY OFFICE OF ED TEST DATE: 3/13/01 NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED 452 ENROLLED 461	NUMBER TESTED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENT PASSED	NUMBER NOT PASSED	PERCENT NOT PASSED	MEAN SCALE SCORE	PROBABILITY & STATISTICS	NUMBER SENSE	ALGEBRA & FUNCTIONS	MEASUREMENT & GEOMETRY	ALGEBRA 1
ALL STUDENTS TESTED (AVERAGE)	452	271	60%	181	40%	375	92%	68%	53%	61%	92%
GRADE Ninth Tenth Eleventh Twelfth Unknown	174 125 80 73 0	104 75 48 44 0	60% 60% 60% 60% 0%	70 50 32 29 0	40% 40% 40% 40% 0%	375 375 375 375 0	92% 92% 92% 92% 0%	68% 68% 68% 0%	53% 53% 53% 53% 0%	61% 61% 61% 61% 0%	92% 92% 92% 92% 0%
GENDER Female Male Unknown	217 212 23	130 127 14	60% 60% 60%	87 85 9	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375	92% 92% 92%	68% 68%	53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92%
RACE/ETHNICITY American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Asian-American Black/African-American Filipino/Filipino-American Hispanic/Latino Pacific Islander White Unknown	5 108 68 50 104 9 90 18	65 41 30 62 54 11	60% 60% 60% 60% 60%	43 27 20 42 36 7	40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375 375 375	92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68% 68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53% 53% 53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61% 61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92%
LANGUAGE FLUENCY English Learner Students Initally Fluent English Proficient (IFEP) Redesignated Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) English Only Students Unknown	36 23 45 325 23	22 14 27 195 14	60% 60% 60% 60%	14 9 18 130 9	40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375	92% 92% 92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92% 92% 92%
ECONOMIC STATUS Economically Disadvantaged Students Non-economically Disadvantaged Students Unknown	185 212 54	111 127 33	60% 60% 60%	74 85 22	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92%
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION Students Receiving Services Students Not Receiving Services Unknown	2 438 11	263 7	 60% 60%	 175 5	 40% 40%	375 375	 92% 92%	 68% 68%	53% 53%	61% 61%	 92% 92%

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District Report—Mathematics Demographic Summary for All Students Tested

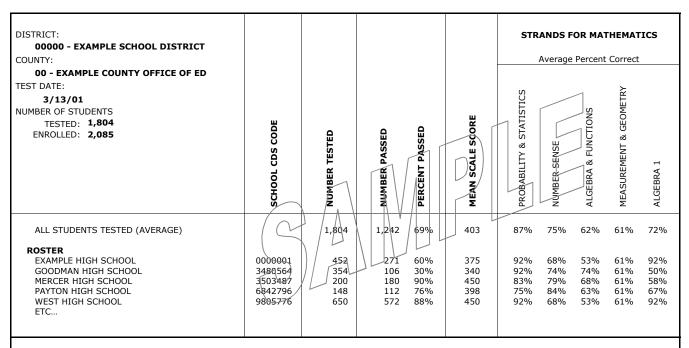
DISTRICT:								NDS Fo			
00000 - EXAMPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY: 00 - EXAMPLE COUNTY OFFICE OF ED TEST DATE: 3/13/01 NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED 1,804 ENROLLED 2,085	NUMBER TESTED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENT PASSED	NUMBER NOT PASSED	PERCENT NOT PASSED	MEAN SCALE SCORE	PROBABILITY & STATISTICS	NUMBER SENSE	ALGEBRA & FUNCTIONS	MEASUREMENT & GEOMETRY	ALGEBRA 1
ALL STUDENTS TESTED (AVERAGE)	1,804	271	15%	181	10%	375	92%	68%	53%	61%	92%
GRADE Ninth Tenth Eleventh Twelfth Unknown	174 125 80 73 0	104 75 48 44 0	60% 60% 60% 60%	70 50 32 29 0	40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 0	92% 92% 92% 92% 0%	68% 68% 68% 0%	53% 53% 53% 53% 0%	61% 61% 61% 61% 0%	92% 92% 92% 92% 0%
GENDER Female Male Unknown	866 848 90	520 509 54	60% 60% 60%	346 339 36	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92%
RACE/ETHNICITY American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Asian-American Black/African-American Filipino/Filipino-American Hispanic/Latino Pacific Islander White Unknown	18 483 271 198 415 36 361 72	260 162 119 249 216 43	60% 60% 60% 60%	173 108 79 166 144 29	40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375 375 375	92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68% 68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53% 53% 53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61% 61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92%
LANGUAGE FLUENCY English Learner Students Initally Fluent English Proficient (IFEP) Redesignated Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) English Only Students Unknown	144 90 180 1,299	87 54 108 779 54	60% 60% 60% 60%	58 36 72 520 36	40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375	92% 92% 92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92% 92% 92%
ECONOMIC STATUS Economically Disadvantaged Students Non-economically Disadvantaged Students Unknown	740 848 216	444 509 130	60% 60% 60%	296 339 87	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92%
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION Students Receiving Services Students Not Receiving Services Unknown	9 1,750 45	1,050 27	 60% 60%	700 18	 40% 40%	375 375 375	 92% 92%	 68% 68%	53% 53%	61% 61%	 92% 92%

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District Report—Mathematics Roster for All Schools in District



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County Report—Mathematics Demographic Summary for All Students Tested

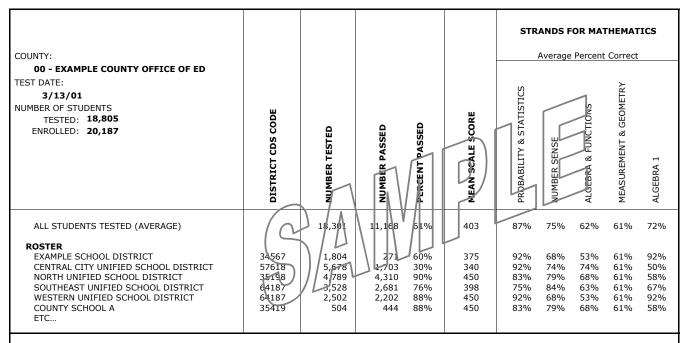
							STRANDS FOR MATHEMATICS Average Percent Correct					
COUNTY: 00 - EXAMPLE COUNTY OFFICE OF ED TEST DATE: 3/13/01 NUMBER OF STUDENTS TESTED 18,805 ENROLLED 20,187	NUMBER TESTED	NUMBER PASSED	PERCENT PASSED	NUMBER NOT PASSED	PERCENT NOT PASSED	MEAN SCALE SCORE	PROBABILITY & STATISTICS	NUMBER SENSE	ALGEBRA & FUNCTIONS	MEASUREMENT & GEOMETRY	ALGEBRA 1	
ALL STUDENTS TESTED (AVERAGE)	18,805	11,283	60%	7,522	40%	375	92%	68%	53%	61%	92%	
GRADE Ninth Tenth Eleventh Twelfth Unknown	6,810 5,678 4,813 1,504	4,086 3,407 2,888 902 0	60% 60% 60% 60%	2,724 2,271 1,925 602 0	40% 40% 40% 40% 0%	375 375 375 375	92% 92% 92% 92% 0%	68% 68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53% 53% 0%	61% 61% 61% 61% 0%	92% 92% 92% 92% 0%	
GENDER Female Male Unknown	9,026 8,838 940	5,416 5,303 564	60% 60% 60%	3,611 3,535 376	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92%	
RACE/ETHNICITY American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Asian-American Black/African-American Filipino/Filipino-American Hispanic/Latino Pacific Islander White Unknown	188 4,513 2,821 2,069 4,325 3,761 7,761 7,761	113 2,708 1,692 1,241 2/595 226 2,257 451	60% 60% 60% 60% 60% 60%	75 1,805 1,128 827 1,730 150 1,504 301	40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375 375 375 375	92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68% 68% 74% 68%	53% 53% 53% 53% 53% 74% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61% 61% 61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 50% 92%	
LANGUAGE FLUENCY English Learner Students Initally Fluent English Proficient (IFEP) Redesignated Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) English Only Students Unknown	1,504 940 1,881 13,540 940	903 564 1,128 8,124 564	60% 60% 60% 60%	602 376 752 5,416 376	40% 40% 40% 40% 40%	375 375 375 375 375	92% 92% 92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92% 92% 92%	
ECONOMIC STATUS Economically Disadvantaged Students Non-economically Disadvantaged Students Unknown	7,710 8,838 2,257	4,626 5,303 1,354	60% 60% 60%	3,084 3,535 903	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92%	
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION Students Receiving Services Students Not Receiving Services Unknown	94 18,241 470	56 10,945 282	60% 60% 60%	38 7,296 188	40% 40% 40%	375 375 375	92% 92% 92%	68% 68% 68%	53% 53% 53%	61% 61% 61%	92% 92% 92%	

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County Report—Mathematics Roster for All Districts in County



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INTERNET POSTING OF 2001 CAHSEE RESULTS

The Internet aggregate reports will:

- be accessible through the CAHSEE web site at http://cahsee.cde.ca.gov or the California Department of Education web site at http://www.cde.ca.gov (Internet)
- allow searching for results by county, district, or school name
- display CAHSEE test results for English-language arts and mathematics for the state, counties, districts, and schools for all students who took the exam
- include aggregate CAHSEE results for students by grade (9–12), gender, race/ ethnicity, language fluency, economic status, and special education program participation
- include CAHSEE results for:
 - English-language arts; including number of students tested, number passed, percent passed, mean scale score, average percent correct for reading (word analysis, reading comprehension, literary response and analysis) and writing (writing strategies, writing conventions), and average score for writing applications.
 - mathematics; including number of students tested, number passed, percent
 passed, mean scale score, and average percent correct for mathematics strands
 (probability and statistics, number sense, algebra and functions, measurement
 and geometry, and algebra 1).



Instructions for Downloading the Internet Reports

Aggregate research files for the CAHSEE will be available in tab delimited and fixed length ASCII formats. In addition to a statewide file, the files will be grouped into counties. Each of the 10 county group files will contain the school, district, and county records associated with the counties in that file. The statewide file will contain all of the school, district, and county records for the state in addition to a statewide record (Because the statewide file is substantially larger than the county files, the download time will be much greater than for the county files).

Each file will be compressed into a self-extracting file. A statewide non-self-extracting compressed file will be available for Macintosh users. Instructions for downloading the Internet reports are as follows:

- 1. Check your application software manuals to verify the record format that best suits your needs.
- 2. From the CAHSEE web site (http://cahsee.cde.ca.gov), select Downloadable Data from the left sidebar.
- 3. From the list of 10 county groups, select a county group containing the school, district, and/or county data you would like to download. You may also select the statewide file.
- 4. Select the icon for the preferred file format: tab delimited or fixed format. Follow the system directions that appear on your screen. The file will automatically download as a self-extracting compressed file (Winzip 8.0). These compressed research files may require both significant download time and hard drive storage on your computer. You may need to consult documentation for your web browser and system to select a download location on your hard drive.
- 5. Uncompress the file. The files are compressed and self-extracting. Once downloaded, these self-extracting files may be run by double-clicking on the file.
 - For Macintosh users, a statewide non-self-extracting compressed file is provided. These files are compressed using Winzip 8.0 and require compression software to uncompress the file in a Macintosh environment. An evaluation copy of Stuffit Expander 5.5 is available at no cost at http://www.aladdinsys.com/expander/.
- 6. Follow the directions in your application software manuals to open the file in your database, spreadsheet, or other program.
- 7. A description of the format of the fixed format ASCII and tab delimited research files follows.



CAHSEE Aggregate Results: Tab Delimited File Layout

Field Description	Corresponding Database Field	Acceptable Values
County Code	CountyCode	alpha
District Code	DistrictCode	alpha
Charter Number (only populated for Independent Charters)	CharterNumber	alpha
School Code	SchoolCode	alpha
County Name	CountyName	alpha
District Name	DistrictName	alpha
School Name	SchoolName	alpha
Record Type	RecordType	04=State
		05=County
		06=District
		07=School
		95=County non-public/independent charters
Summary Type	SummaryType	01=All Students Tested
		02=Grade 9
		03=Grade 10
		04=Grade 11
		05=Grade 12
		06=Grade Unknown
		07=Female
		08=Male
		09=Gender Unknown
		10=American Indian/Alaskan Native
		11=Asian/Asian-American
		12=Black/African-American
		13=Filipino/Filipino-American
		14=Hispanic/Latino
		15=Pacific Islander
		16=White
		17=Race/Ethnicity Unknown
		18=English Only Students
		19=Initially Fluent English Proficient Students
		20=Redesignated Fluent English Proficient (R-FEP) Students
		21=English Learner (EL) Students
		22=Language Fluency Unknown
		23=Economically Disadvantaged Students
		24=Non-Economically Disadvantaged Student
		25=Economic Status Unknown
		26=Students Receiving Special Education Services
		27=Students Not Receiving Special Education Services
		28=Special Education Program Participation Unknown



Field Description	Corresponding Database Field	Acceptable Values
Math Test Date	MathTestDate	mm/dd/yy
Math Enrollment	MathEnrollment	0 – 99999999
Math Number Tested	MathNumberTested	0 – 99999999
Math Number Passed	MathNumberPassed	0 – 99999999
Math Percent Passed	MathPercentPassed	0-100
Math Number Not Passed	MathNumberNotPassed	0 – 9999999
Math Percent Not Passed	MathPercentNotPassed	0-100
Math Mean Scale Score	MathMeanScaleScore	250-450
Math Percent Correct Probability & Statistics	MathPctCorrPS	0-100
Math Percent Correct Number Sense	MathPctCorrNS	0-100
Math Percent Correct Algebra & Functions	MathPctCorrAF	0-100
Math Percent Correct Measurement & Geometry	MathPctCorrMG	0-100
Math Percent Correct Alegebra 1	MathPctCorrA1	0-100
ELA Test Date	ELATestDate	mm/dd/yy
ELA Enrollment	ELAEnrollment	0 – 99999999
ELA Number Tested	ELANumberTested	0 – 99999999
ELA Number Passed	ELANumberPassed	0 – 99999999
ELA Percent Passed	ELAPercentPassed	0-100
ELA Number Not Passed	ELANumberNotPassed	0 – 99999999
ELA Percent Not Passed	ELAPercentNotPassed	0-100
ELA Mean Scale Score	ELAMeanScaleScore	250-450
ELA Percent Correct Word Analysis	ELAPercentCorrectWA	0-100
ELA Percent Correct Reading Comprehension	ELAPercentCorrectRC	0-100
ELA Percent Correct Literary Response & Analysis	ELAPercentCorrectLA	0-100
ELA Percent Correct Writing Strategies	ELAPercentCorrectWS	0-100
ELA Percent Correct Writing Conventions	ELAPercentCorrectWC	0-100
ELA Writing Applications Essay 1	ELAWritingApplicEssay1	0.0 - 4.0
ELA Writing Applications Essay 2	ELAWritingApplicEssay2	0.0 - 4.0



CAHSEE Aggregate Results: Fixed Length File Layout

Start position	Length	Field Description	Corresponding Database Field	Acceptable Values
1	2	County CDS Code	CountyCode	Alpha
3	5	District CDS Code	DistrictCode	Alpha
8	3	Charter Number (only populated for Independent Charters)	CharterNumber	Alpha
11	7	School CDS Code	SchoolCode	Alpha
18	20	County Name	CountyName	Alpha
38	20	District Name	DistrictName	Alpha
58	20	School Name	SchoolName	Alpha
78	2	Record Type	RecordType	04=State
				05=County
				06=District
				07=School
				95=County non-public/independent charters
80	2	Summary Type	SummaryType	01=All Students Tested
				02=Grade 9
				03=Grade 10
				04=Grade 11
				05=Grade 12
				06=Grade Unknown
				07=Female
				08=Male
				09=Gender Unknown
				10=American Indian/Alaskan Native
				11=Asian/Asian-American
				12=Black/African-American
				13=Filipino/Filipino-American
				14=Hispanic/Latino
				15=Pacific Islander
				16=White
				17=Race/Ethnicity Unknown
				18=English Only Students
				19=Initially Fluent English Proficient Students
				20=Redesignated Fluent English Proficient (R-FEP) Students
				21=English Learner (EL) Students
				22=Language Fluency Unknown
				23=Economically Disadvantaged Students
				24=Non-Economically Disadvantaged Student
				25=Economic Status Unknown
				26=Students Receiving Special Education Services
				27=Students Not Receiving Special Education Services
				28=Special Education Program Participation Unknown



Start position	Length	Field Description	Corresponding Database Field	Acceptable Values
82	6	Math Test Date	MathTestDate	mm/dd/yy
88	8	Math Enrollment	MathEnrollment	0 – 99999999
96	8	Math Number Tested	MathNumberTested	0 – 99999999
104	8	Math Number Passed	MathNumberPassed	0 – 99999999
112	3	Math Percent Passed	MathPercentPassed	0-100
115	8	Math Number Not Passed	MathNumberNotPassed	0 – 99999999
123	3	Math Percent Not Passed	MathPercentNotPassed	0-100
126	3	Math Mean Scale Score	MathMeanScaleScore	250-450
129	3	Math Percent Correct Probability & Statistics	MathPctCorrPS	0-100
132	3	Math Percent Correct Number Sense	MathPctCorrNS	0-100
135	3	Math Percent Correct Algebra & Functions	MathPctCorrAF	0-100
138	3	Math Percent Correct Measurement & Geometry	MathPctCorrMG	0-100
141	3	Math Percent Correct Alegebra 1	MathPctCorrA1	0-100
144	6	ELA Test Date	ELATestDate	mm/dd/yy
150	8	ELA Enrollment	ELAEnrollment	0 – 99999999
158	8	ELA Number Tested	ELANumberTested	0 – 99999999
166	8	ELA Number Passed	ELANumberPassed	0 – 99999999
174	3	ELA Percent Passed	ELAPercentPassed	0-100
177	8	ELA Number Not Passed	ELANumberNotPassed	0 – 99999999
185	3	ELA Percent Not Passed	ELAPercentNotPassed	0-100
188	3	ELA Mean Scale Score	ELAMeanScaleScore	250-450
191	3	ELA Percent Correct Word Analysis	ELAPercentCorrectWA	0-100
194	3	ELA Percent Correct Reading Comprehension	ELAPercentCorrectRC	0-100
197	3	ELA Percent Correct Literary Response & Analysis	ELAPercentCorrectLA	0-100
200	3	ELA Percent Correct Writing Strategies	ELAPercentCorrectWS	0-100
203	3	ELA Percent Correct Writing Conventions	ELAPercentCorrectWC	0-100
206	3	ELA Writing Applications Essay 1	ELAWritingApplicEssay1	0.0 – 4.0
209	3	ELA Writing Applications Essay 2	ELAWritingApplicEssay2	0.0 – 4.0



Sample Talking Points for District/County Administrators

- Most (some, few) of the ninth graders at our school(s) took the CAHSEE last spring. This was a voluntary option for ninth grade students
- Our first CAHSEE results indicate that our schools are on track in their efforts (need to double their efforts) to increase the academic achievement of all students (Districts/counties should outline key points of the results for each part of the exam).
- Our data about student achievement at our school(s) (at ______ school) paint a more positive picture of student achievement than results of the CAHSEE would indicate.
- The best way to prepare students for the CAHSEE is to make sure state content standards are incorporated into classroom instruction across the curriculum at every school.
- We are moving as quickly as text books and other instructional materials are available to implement state content standards, with English-language arts and mathematics as a top priority. Funds and allocated time for staff development are critical to this effort.
- CAHSEE results will be used to identify the knowledge and skills each student, who did not pass one or both parts of the exam, needs to successfully meet this new graduation requirement. Our school staff then will develop individual learning plans to target those needs.
- Our district/county will be working with school staffs in our elementary and middle schools, as well as our high schools, to plan a sequence for instruction that addresses state content standards at every grade level.



SAMPLE LOCAL PRESS RELEASE

"Results of the first California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) for the district county are (are not) consistent with results of other state achievement tests taken by our ninth grade students last spring," Superintendent said today after a preliminary review of results of the state's new exit exam for high school graduation.
Under current law, students in California public schools must pass the CAHSEE to receive a high school diploma, beginning with the class of 2004. This is in addition to district graduation requirements. In March (May), about percent of our district's (county's) ninth graders took the CAHSEE as volunteers (briefly describe district/county results here).
Last year's ninth graders who did not take the CAHSEE or who did not pass one or both parts of the exam, will be required to take it in spring 2002. The CAHSEE again will be voluntary for ninth grade students.
"These results indicate that our schools are on track in their efforts (need to double their efforts) to increase the academic achievement of all students," said.
The CAHSEE addresses state content standards in English-language arts and mathematics. The English-language arts part of the exam addresses content standards through grade 10. The mathematics part addresses content standards through algebra I. Question for both parts of the exam are in a multiple-choice format, except for two written essays required for English-language arts.
"We are pushing ahead as quickly as time and funding will allow to implement state content standards at every grade level in our elementary, middle, and high schools," added. "California's content standards are the most rigorous state standards in the nation."
Students who did not pass the CAHSEE last spring will have several opportunities to take and pass it throughout their high school years.
concluded, "School staffs will be working very closely with every student who did not pass the CAHSEE to provide them with the additional instructional assistance they need to be successful."
Parents who wish to know more about the CAHSEE are advised to contact their student's school office. Special informational meetings for parents will be announced as soon as the data are finalized.

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